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SUBJ: PARIL 13 RALLY FOR SOVIET JEWRY

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1. MARCH AND RALLY TITLED, "SOLIDARITY SUNDAY FREEDOM MARCH," TOOK PLACE APRIL 13 AND ATTRACTED APPROXIMATELY 150,000 PARTICIPANTS WHO DEMANDED THAT MOSCOW ALLOW JEWS TO EMIGRATE AS WELL AS PRACTICE THEIR RELIGION FREELY IN SOVIET UNION. SENATORS JACKSON AND HUMPHREY AND GOVERNOR CAREY OF NEW YORK AMONG THOSE WHO ADDRESSED RALLY AT DAG HAMMERSKJOLD PLAZA. MARCHERS CARRIED AMERICAN AND ISRAELI FLAGS, BANNERS, AND PLACARDS BEARING SUCH SLOGANS AS "NEVER AGAIN." YOUTHS DRESSED IN PRISON GARB CARRIED WOODEN GRIDS FASHIONED TO LOOK LIKE PRISON DOORS. POLICE COVERAGE WAS EXTENSIVE. NO VIOLENCE OCCURRED DURING MARCH AND RALLY. AFTER CEREMONIES AND SPEECHES, APPROXIMATELY 300 MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE, SOME OF THEM WEARING OLIVE GREEN MILITARY UNIFORMS, ATTEMPTED STAGE SIT-DOWN DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF USUN TO PROTEST US MIDDLE EAST POLICY. HOWEVER, NEW YORK POLICE BARRICADED EAST

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45TH ST, AND PREVENTED SIT-DOWN IN FRONT OF MISSION ON 1ST AVE.

GROUP LATER SAT DOWN AT 2ND AVE AND 45ST WHERE THEY  
BLOCKED TRAFFIC IN INTERSECTION. POLICE ADVISED DEMONSTRATORS  
THEY WOULD BE ARRESTED IF THEY DID NOT DISPERSE. ONE HUNDRED  
THRITY-FOUR DECIDED TO SUBMIT TO ARREST AND WERE CHARGED  
WITH DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

2. DR. M.T. MEHDI, SECRETARY GENERAL, ACTION COMMITTEE ON  
AMERICAN ARAB RELATIONS, AND 10 SUPPORTERS CONDUCTED COUNTER-  
DEMONSTRATION AT EAST 42ST AND 2ND AVE 2:00 PM--3:00 PM.  
THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS. MAIN THEME OF MEHDI RALLY APPEARED  
TO BE REJECTION OF CHARGE THAT JEWS IN SYRIA WERE BEING MAL-  
TREATED--A SECONDARY THEME AT JEWISH RALLY.

3. HEAVY POLICE DETAIL ON DUTY AT SOVIET MISSION AND AT BOTH  
ENDS OF BLOCK. WOODEN BARRICADES WERE IN PLACE BUT STREET WAS  
NOT CLOSED. THERE WERE NO DEMONSTRATORS AND NO DISTURBANCE  
IMMEDIATE VICINITY SOVIET MISSION OR ANY ARAB MISSION.  
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